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1. It is reported that the current labor unrest among the members of the Chilean Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cobre (CTC) is increasing, in spite of efforts by the directive body of the CTC to control the workers and to make them live up to their part of the agreement reached on 28 September 1951. A movement has been organized by Popular Socialists and Communists to demand "immediate cash payment" of the pay increases and bonuses which were agreed upon in September to become effective at some future date when the companies and the Chilean Government might arrive at a mutually satisfactory agreement regarding Chilean taxation of the companies. Although no agreement has been reached on the tax question, the fact that the workers have not yet received the pay raises has produced general discontent.
2. The leaders of the CTC agreed to avoid strikes and slow-downs when reaching their agreement with the companies, but it is considered possible that the workers will ignore this promise made on their behalf.

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